



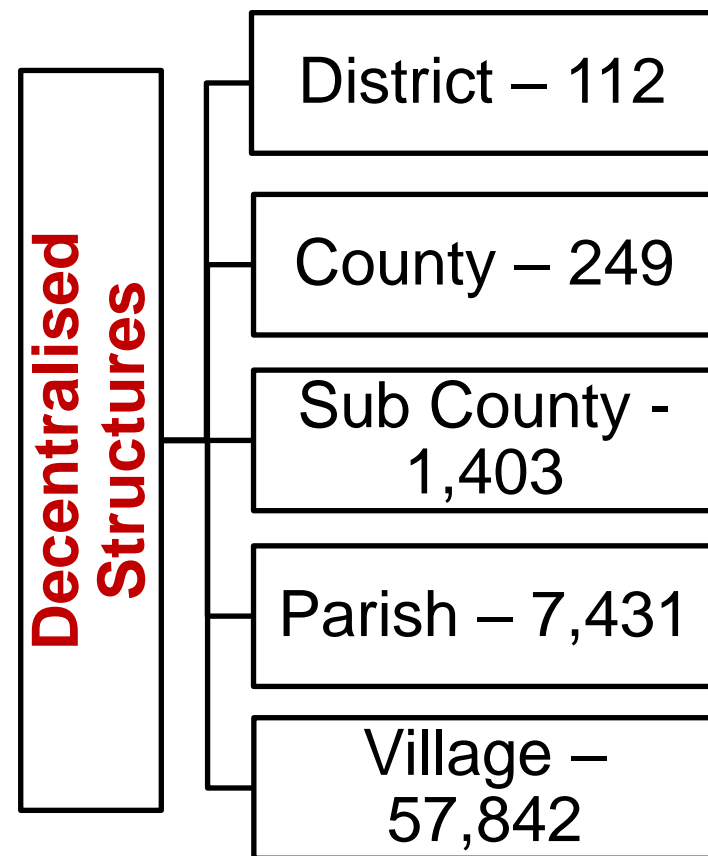
SWA collaborative behaviours in practice: Kabarole district, Uganda

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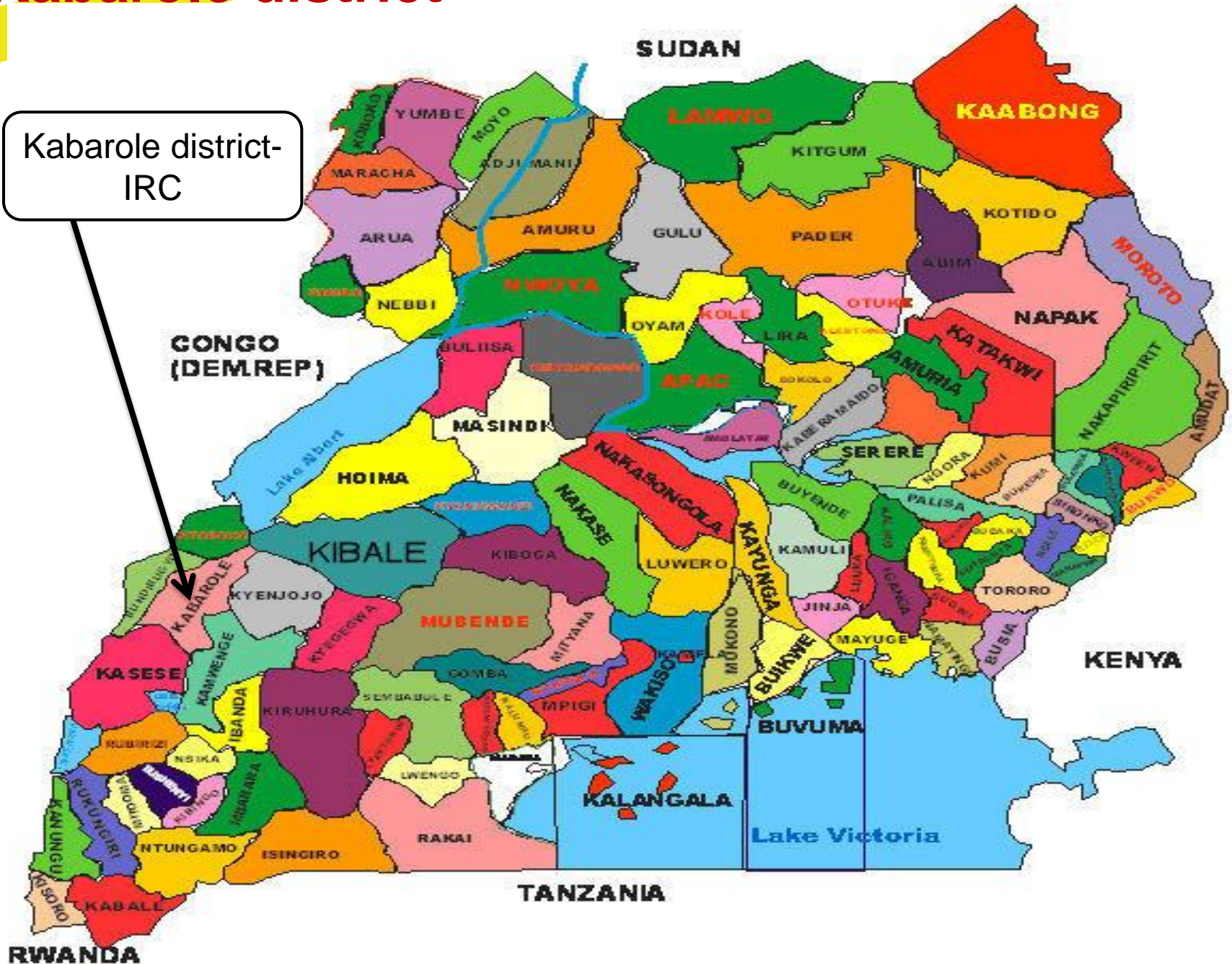
Context

- Decentralization
 - Political
 - Administrative
 - Fiscal
- Sector Wide Approach to Planning (SWAp)
- District Water and Sanitation Conditional Grants
- Water and Sanitation Information Management System



Kabarole district

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Kabarole district

- Located in western Uganda at the foothills of Mount Rwenzori
- 320 km from Kampala the Capital City
- Total Area: 1,814km² - 1,569km² of land, 198kms of open water/wetlands
- Vision: “A beautiful district with a prosperous and harmonious people”
- Mission: *“To achieve sustainable socio-economic Development through efficient provision of quality services to the people in conformity with National policies and local priorities”*
- Goal: *To promote the people’s standards of living through efficient and effective delivery of services.*

- Population: **474,216**
- Counties **03**
- Sub-Counties **18**
- Town Councils **06**
- Parishes **99**
- Villages **784**
- Municipal Divisions **03**
- Municipal Wards **12**

Kabarole district - WASH

- Over 2,000 water points
- Access: 78% (Rural – 75%, Urban 86%)
- Rural functionality – 82%
- Urban functionality – 81%
- People service per technology: Protected springs 29%, shallow wells 51%, deep wells 5%, rain water harvesting 0%, public taps 15%
- Funding sources: Private 3%, NGOs 50%, Central government 9%, local government 37%
- The average annual budget for WASH (2015/16): 467,252,718 million UGX (US\$ 135,069).

SWA collaborative behaviours in Kabarole district

Government leadership:

- Political leadership in place: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary for Works (in charge of WASH)
- Technical leadership: Chief Administrative Officer, District Water Officer, Assistant, Technician, Sanitation officer. Support from the Community Development Officer, Health Assistant
- WASH budget and staff
- District Water Supply and Sanitation Coordination Committee convened by the Chief Administrative Officer
- Inter sub-country advocacy meetings for reviewing progress, reflection, learning and planning
- Bottom-up, participatory planning process led by the WASH office and guided by the district planner as chair of the district technical planning committee
- Existence of Ministry of Water and Environment deconcentrated structures to provide oversight and monitoring – Technical Support Unit 2, Water Management Zone (Albert), Umbrella Organisation (Mid-western), Water and Sanitation Development Facility

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Country systems

- SWAp
- One government led monitoring system- implementation at district level coordinated by the District WASH Office

Information and accountability

- Quarterly monitoring of the 11 Golden indicators to feed into the annual Sector Performance Report and the Water Supply Atlas (<http://www.wateruganda.com/index.php/reports/district/5>)
- Inter-sub county WASH dialogues
- NGOs using social accountability tools to monitoring service delivery and to conduct user satisfaction surveys

Sector Financing

- District Water and Sanitation Conditional Grant from the Ministry of Water and Environment
- Off-budget from NGO support is captured by the District WASH office and included in district reports for monitoring sector performance
- Donor alignment and support
- Annual district budget conferences and planning meeting
- Sub county planning and budget conference

Enabling factors

- Political support and commitment; Secretary for Works, Technical Planning Committee
- District Water Office – Engineers, extension staff
- District Water Supply and Sanitation Conditional Grant
- SWAp that ensures: joint planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, regulation
- Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network (UWASNET) for NGOs and CBOs
- Improved information management systems – Uganda Water Supply Atlas (<http://www.wateruganda.com/>)
- Funding through the District Water Supply and Sanitation Conditional Grant



Challenges

- Inadequate district capacities in planning, budgeting, monitoring, reporting
- Inadequate funding for WASH; the Grant is not enough
- Clarity on the roles and responsibilities; politicians, technical teams, users -
- District enabling environment - political
- Institutional arrangements – DWO is not a department, but a unit in the District Engineering department
- High technical and political turnover
- Weak District Water Supply and Sanitation Coordination Committee = inadequate coordination and information sharing, duplication

IRC support

1. Through the WASH Agenda for Change (IRC, WaterAid, Water for People partnership) – supporting the Kabarole district water office to:
 - Increase WASH access/coverage
 - Establish and maintain systems to ensure access to WASH services to ‘everyone, everywhere forever’
 - Monitoring functionality of water sources
 - Strengthen the capacities of hand pump mechanics and WASH extension workers
 - Document innovations and best practices
 - Advocacy to increase funding for the office
 - Carry out routine maintenance and asset management of water systems
2. Through IRC’s district office with a full time staff, facilities and a MoU – supporting the development and implementation of the district WASH investment plan, action research, capacity building and training, knowledge management and learning, strategic communication and policy advocacy

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